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**COMMISSIONER STAPLES RECOGNIZES CITY OF COMMERCE AS NEW GO TEXAN CERTIFIED RETIREMENT COMMUNITY**

*Certified retirement communities provide numerous benefits to retirees*

**AUSTIN** — Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples today officially honored the city of Commerce as a GO TEXAN Certified Retirement Community (CRC). The Texas Department of Agriculture’s GO TEXAN CRC program helps communities attract retirees and potential retirees to make their homes in Texas.

“We are proud to recognize the city of Commerce as a GO TEXAN Certified Retirement Community,” Commissioner Staples said. “Not only do retirees have a significant economic impact on the regions in which they reside, but they also bring a wealth of knowledge and energy to community service, employment and business.”

The city of Commerce offers residents a small town atmosphere that allows them to enjoy some of the finest amenities available. Commerce is located only 60 minutes from the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex and is home to cultural and sporting events, as well as fantastic shopping.

“In addition to its many museums and concert halls, shopping malls and theatrical auditoriums, the city of Commerce has beautiful, clean parks to enjoy and is located only minutes from state parks at Cooper Lake and Lake Tawakoni, which offer fishing, boating, sailing, hiking and biking,” said Commerce Mayor John Ballotti. “We are excited about the GO TEXAN CRC designation and look forward to introducing more people to our great community.”

**More about the GO TEXAN CRC Program**

The CRC program is funded by the program’s members and was created to encourage retirement in Texas and, as a result, boost the state’s economy. On average, migrant retirees contribute \$732 million annually to the Texas economy. Additionally, retirees provide a dependable part- and full-time workforce and volunteer pool.

To become a certified retirement community, each community must complete a rigorous application process, including a retiree desirability assessment. The GO TEXAN stamp of approval ensures each certified community has demonstrated through its application that it can meet the living, employment/volunteer, health, entertainment, education and safety needs of its citizens and visitors — all things that make Texas a great place to retire.

For more information about the city of Commerce or the GO TEXAN CRC program, visit [www.RetireInTexas.org](http://www.RetireInTexas.org).